TR& CLASS MAIL (37 CFR 1.8) Docket No. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING Applicant(s): Jesus Martinez, et/al. 134/133 Application No. Customer No. **Group Art Unit** Examiner 10/749,847 PADEN A. Rotuna 27612 1723 Invention: A Radial Dipersion Mass Transfer System Having a Semi-Permeable Tubular Hollow Fiber Membrane Wound Around a Porour Core I hereby certify that this **Amendment** (Identify type of correspondence) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on June 11, 2006 (Date) Edgar W. Averill, Jr. (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence) (Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence) Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.



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In re the Application of	) Art Unit: 1723
JESUS MARTINEZ, et al.	) Examiner: A. Fortuna
For: A RADIAL DISPERSION MASS TRANSFER	)
DEVICE HAVING A SEMI-PERMEABLE TUBULAR	)
HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE WOUND AROUND	)
A POROUS CORE	)
Serial No. 10/749,847	)
Filed: 01/02/2004	) July 3, 2006

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## **REMARKS**

The Office Action of May 9, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claim 1 was rejected as obvious over Thibos. Applicants' Claim 1 includes the following limitations not taught by Thibos:

1. "...said core having a baffle positioned against said inner surface interrupting said inner passageway so that bulk fluid entering said inlet end must exit said inner passageway, pass outwardly through said pores on a feed side of said baffle to